


In the Claims:

The undersigned has attached herewith a new set of claims, which corrects a grammatical error entered by an Examiner's Amendment in claim 27, line 17.

It is believed that the submission of this Amendment does not raise any new issues and should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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Claims:

1-26 (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) A method of dispensing a preselected plurality of pet treats from a container including a microprocessor provided with a program, and an input device allowing a user to enter a predetermined plurality of dispensing times during a predetermined time period, comprising the steps of:

signaling to the microprocessor, through use of said input device, said microprocessor utilizing the program to calculate a schedule to dispense said pet treats;

calculating, through the use of said program provided within the microprocessor, said schedule to dispense said pet treats during said predetermined time period at a predetermined plurality of dispensing times which are pseudo-random and sufficiently spaced, said predetermined time period is divided into equal intervals, wherein the number of said equal intervals is equal to said predetermined plurality of dispensing times, a pet treat will be dispensed in a majority, but not all of said respective equal intervals, to ~~maintains~~ maintain a pet's interest over said predetermined time period; and

dispensing said pet treats according to said schedule.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27 wherein said pet treats are pet comestibles.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27 wherein said pet treats are pet toys.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29 wherein said pet toys each contain a pet comestible.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27 wherein a plurality of said pet treats are dispensed in rapid succession.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, further including the step of producing a audio signal prior to the dispensing of at least one of said pet treats.